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'09 Election Announced

The LRBOI Election Board has announced the 2009 Election! Up for election are 5 Council seats; 3 Election Board seats; Tribal Court Chief Judge and two Appellate Court Judge positions. The Primary Election is scheduled for February 13th and the General Election will be April 24th. Full details are on page 2.



Cultural Corridor Mannequins

The two year long project to create mannequins representing true Anishinaabek regalia is finally complete! The mannequins went on display this last month and are a wonderful tribute to our past. The story on page 9 & 10 tells about the whole concept and what it represents to our tribal world. Pat Wilson, who started the project looks at the purpose; Jay Sam takes a historical perspective and Jerry Ramsey talks about the process.

AED's for tribal buildings

The Tribal Emergency Planning Committee has arranged for the purchase of AED's for some tribal buildings. Staff have been trained and are ready to go. See page 11 for details and photos.



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Senior Day set for Muskegon

A number of government departments and programs will be holding a special Senior Day at the tribe's Muskegon office. Besides the services and assistance, attendees will be able to participate in the 2008 Elders Survey See page 20 for details.



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Aanii,

In October I had the pleasure of traveling to Milwaukee Wisconsin to meet with members from the area. Several Tribal Council Members were also in attendance as well; Loretta Beccaria, Bob Hardenburgh, Bob Whiteloon and Norbert Kelsey. We were treated extremely well by the people in attendance. Chi Miigwetch. I hope they came away from the meeting feeling a little more informed on what's happening with our Tribe.

Tribal Government staff has been receiving training on our new time clock system which is

programmed on our computers and should help reduce paperwork and assist our Accounting Department with payroll. The training of all government staff will take another month or two. Although the time clocks are for employees, I will voluntarily use the time clocks and will offer it to the Tribal Councilors to use if they wish.

We are also working on a draft of a new personnel policy manual for the government. It has been a lengthy process and very time-consuming. Attorney Matthew Lesky has put in many hours working on the manual which hopefully will give better explanation of our policies to all our employees.

With a little luck, we will soon be able to record Tribal Council Meetings. Months ago, I tasked The IT Department with this project of installing cameras in our bank building. IT Director, George LeVasseur figured out the least expensive way to accomplish this in a timely manner. Again, this has been a very

time-consuming project for not only the IT department, but for our Enrollment Department as well. Director, Diane Lonn, and her staff have been working to update the enrollment figures because we need to ensure that the meetings are accessible to tribal member families only. I will keep you posted.

The Elder's once again hosted their Elder's Conference at the Little River Casino Resort on November 1st and 2nd. And the Election Board has been busy getting ready for the April 2009 elections; more information on the following pages.

Until next month...

REMEMBER- IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO
MAKE SENSE OUT OF NONSENSE.

Announcement of General Election

*Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaá
AniShinaábek*

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF
OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD
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Date of Election: April 24, 2009

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy
*For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council
– Nine County District, Outlying District and
At-Large District* – To run for the Office of
Tribal Council in the Nine County District or
the At-Large District, a Tribal member must
obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of
Candidacy packet during the period listed in
the Election Calendar, below.

*For Candidates for the Office of Election
Board* -- To run for the Election Board, a
Tribal member must obtain, complete, and
submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet
during the period listed in the Election
Calendar, below.

*For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Court
Chief Judge* – To run for the Office of Tribal
Court Chief Judge, a Tribal member must
obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of
Candidacy packet during the period listed in
the Election Calendar, below.

*For Candidates for the Office of Appellate
Court Judge (Any Seat)* -- To run for the Office
of Tribal Appellate Court Judge, a Tribal
member must obtain, complete, and submit a
Declaration of Candidacy packet during the
period listed in the Election Calendar.

Offices to be Elected:

Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District (three seats)
Office of Tribal Council – Outlying District (one seat)
Office of Tribal Council – At-Large District (one seat)
Office of Election Board (three seats)
Office of Tribal Court Chief Judge (one seat)
Office of Appellate Court Judge (Licensed Attorney required: one seat)
Office of Appellate Court Judge (Tribal Elder required: one seat)

Election Calendar

Declaration of Candidacy Packets available.....	November 10
Declaration of Candidacy Packets du.....	December 5
Slate of Candidates certified.....	December 12
Last day to withdraw candidacy.....	December 19
Ballots mailed out for Primary.....	January 12
Ballots due and Primary Election Day.....	February 13
Deadline for Primary Election Challenges.....	February 20
Ballots mailed.....	March 27
Ballots due and Election Day.....	April 24
Deadline for petitions for recount.....	April 29
Deadline for election challenges.....	May 1

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must have a residential address on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00 pm. The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and a central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must have a residential address on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10 am until 6 pm on April 24, 2009.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours from November 10, 2008 through December 5, 2008 has been included in this mailing. Please note any changes from the times published in the Littler River Currents.

Manistee/Muskegon separating the two offices

Muskegon office Hours:

November: 11, 13, 18, 20, 25... Time: 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. /December: 2, 4, ... Time: 5 p.m. -8 p.m.

Manistee Office Hours:

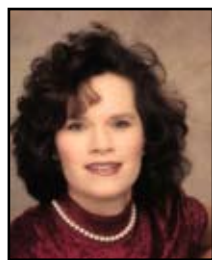
November: 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25... Time: 8a.m. - Noon

November: 12, 14, 19, 21, 26... Time: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

December: 1, 2, 4, 5 Time: 8a.m. - Noon / December 3, 4, 5... Time: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Council News

NEWS FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL RECORDER FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER-2008



**HAPPY
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Weekly listing of work sessions are held by
Tribal Council for the Tribal Council agenda,
the purpose is to work out issues prior to being
voted on at the Tribal Council Meeting on
Wednesdays. All Work sessions are open to
tribal members. Work Shops are listed below
on the calendar for the month of June.

The Tribal Council may be contacted by
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NCAI (National Congress American

*Government Closes for the
following Holidays*

- *New Years Day
- *Treaty Recognition Day
- *Memorial Day
- *Independence Day
- *Labor Day
- *Reaffirmation Day (September 21st)
- *Veteran's Day
- *Thanksgiving Day
- *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- *Christmas Day



Some areas of the government will be continue to be available
on these holidays, such as Public Safety.

Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the
Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you
are not sure.

Just use the toll-free number of 888.723.8288.

Attention all Tribal Members

If you are interested in joining any of the
following Commissions or Committees please
submit a
letter of interest to the Ogema's office with a
copy
going to the Tribal Council.

- 2 seats – Commerce Commission
- 2 seats – Gaming Commission
- 1 seat - Health Commission
- 2 seats – Binojeeuk

Council News

Workshops that Tribal Council did have for the month of August and September:

- * Utility Water /Sewer rate: This discussion was with the Utility Department Director on Water and Sewer rates.
- * Agenda Review: Going over agenda items for Wednesday's Tribal Council Meeting.
- * Budget Process for Tribal Government 2009: Meeting with the Comptroller General about a fair process to follow for the Directors and Casino Directors.
- * Housing Department: Recommendations from the Housing Commission for the new Community Center to give to the Architects.
- * Durant Roll: Discussion about the Red and Blue Checkmarks on the Durant Roll.
- * Progressive A&E Architects: Discuss with them about changes to the Community Center.
- * Road Trip to the new Race Track: Toured the new purchase of the Great Lakes Downs.
- * Agenda Review: Going over agenda items for Wednesday's Tribal Council Meeting.
- * National City Bank: How secure is the Tribal money in National City bank.
- * Rossman Group: The Rossman Group is a full-service public relations firm specializing in issues management, media relations, crisis communication and community relations for more than 35 local, statewide, national and international clients. With numerous awards to the firm's credit, The Rossman Group is recognized as one of the most successful public relations firms in the Midwest they will be working on the Indian land tenure Foundation grant that was submitted by Mary West (Reservation Restoration Project) in.
- * Elders Survey III: Member Assistant Department will be doing this survey and it will be identifying the needs of the tribal elders.
- * Kellogg Foundation: Seeking into grants for the future of the tribe.
- * Tribal Court issue w/peacemaking: Talked about conflicts of interest with our peacemaker and issue in our tribal court office.
- * Merit: Human Resource Department brought this forward to council a merit increase to all employees of the Tribe. From looking at the documents it is not a fair process across the board for all employees. The amount left in the 2008 budget \$28,000.00 the Human Resource and CFO brought forward to divide that \$28,000.00 between the employees so they could get a little something as an incentive.
- * Job description policy: To rescind and repeal adoption and approval of job descriptions policy.
- * Bricks purchase for the Manistee Schools: Purchase bricks from the school and put the tribal logo on the bricks.
- * Compact Amendment to Muskegon Casino: Need to amend the compact agreement for the Muskegon Casino site.
- * Land Tenure Grant: Discussed how much money we have left in the grant and what is left to do in the grant.
- * Time Keeping –Staff: Keep track of our own employees and Larry keep track of his employee's.
- * Wells Fargo: Establish a relationship with this institution other than the local branches. Wells Fargo is a National Bank.
- * Northwestern Bank (Manistee Office): To reassure the tribe that our money is safe as of now in the local bank.
- * Wind Study Tower: Purchase a wind turbine with a Renewable energy grant.
- * Tribal Council Budget: Looking at cutting tribal council budget by \$1,137,801.00 per the Budget Coordinator, but instead council cut the budget by \$120,980.00.
- * Election Ordinance: Purposed changes to the Election Ordinance to put on the agenda for the meeting of November 12th council meeting.
- * Election Board: To talk about the Election Ordinance and the changes they are bringing forward and their attorney contract and they are coming in under budget.
- * Much more & Smalley: Our Lansing Lobbyist and what they can do better for our tribe.
- * Hylant Group: Ogema purposing this Insurance Company to be the agent of record for the casino property.
- * Negotiations, Representative and Sovereign Immunity Ordinance: Our tribal attorney has brought some suggestions to bring forward.
- * Prosecutor contract: looking at his contract and seeing what his duties are outlined in his contract.

Agenda Review: Is the Monday before a scheduled tribal council meeting which is scheduled at 1:15 P.M.

All regular scheduled Tribal Council meetings shall be held at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians dome room @ 375 River Street, Manistee Michigan.

New Schedule:

Wed- November 12	December- 10
Wed – November 26	December- 17

Our Tribal Council Meeting is scheduled for November 26th but due to the Thanksgiving holiday we passed a resolution and scheduled the meeting the week prior to November 19th, 2008

I have not had any more feedback on any suggestions to the Tribal Constitution but I have heard that the elders are working on one as well.

I also wanted to say that I will be out of the office due to major surgery and in my absence Loretta Beccarria will be the recorder until I return.

I hopefully will be back and recuperated sooner than expected. I will still have access to my emails at home so I can still keep in touch with the tribe and membership.

Thank you,
 Kimberly Alexander

Notice of New Legislation – Whistle Blower Protection Act

To All Employees of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little River Casino Resort, Muschigon Construction Company and Little River Trading Post

On October 15th, 2008, Tribal council adopted, on an emergency basis, revisions to the Fair Employment Practices Code. The adopted revisions include a new Article XII, **“Whistle Blower Protection.”** Under Article XII, an employee of any Tribal entity may report violations of the law either to his/her employer or directly to the Prosecutor. The Whistle Blower Protection Act protects employees who have reported violations from any form of discrimination in the work place.

Please take a moment to review this new, important part of the Fair Employment Practices Code. It is posted both for public comment and under the “Ordinances” section of the Tribal Council website.

Submitted by Kimberly Alexander, Tribal Council Recorder



Tax-Exempt Purchases at Little River Trading Post

Cigarette limit is 20 packs per month when tax-exempt quota is available.

Tribal members are responsible for staying within this limit. Failure to stay within the limit will result in assessment of tax and penalty (\$50 for each transaction) plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges until assessed amount is paid in full.

Tax-exempt gasoline limit will change on January 1, 2009

The new monthly limit for tax-exempt gasoline beginning January 1, 2009 will be 125 gallons per Tribal member when tax-exempt quota is available.

Tribal members are responsible for staying within this limit. Failure to stay within the limit will result in assessment of tax and penalty (\$20 for each transaction) plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges until assessed amount is paid in full.

Tribal members are required to be registered for this program. Fueling a vehicle that is not registered with the tax office is prohibited. The penalty for purchasing tax-exempt fuel for any person not entitled to purchase it is \$100 per transaction plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges for up to one year.

Tax-exempt Fuel and Tobacco Products are Limited

Tax-exempt sales of fuel and tobacco products will be suspended when the Tribe's annual quota is gone. Notices will be posted on the Little River Band website at www.lrboi.com and at the Little River Trading Post. If tax-exempt sales are suspended, they will resume January 1, 2009 when next year's quota becomes available.

Take Back the Night



In an LRBOI Family Services sponsored event, Caseworkers Denise Anderson and Jamie Pike led a group of 30 Manistee area residents (tribal and non-tribal) in an event whose purpose was to let people know that domestic violence exists here and that victims should know that they are not alone.

The group met at Port City Grill (owned by tribal member Bill Anderson) on a Wednesday evening for a presentation and then a walk down River Street

to Maple Street, down to the Riverwalk and back to the restaurant for refreshments. At the restaurant, they heard a presentation. Jamie Pike told the group, "Domestic Violence does affect a lot of people. We see it everywhere and thought that...this would be a good time to get the word out and let people know these kinds of things happen and that they are not alone, that they should speak up."

According to the official website, the "Take Back the Night" event's roots can be traced as far back as 1877 when women protested the fear and violence they experienced on the night-time streets of London.

Denise Anderson told the group, "It's the idea that it should be safe for women or children to be safe to walk around at night." "Here in town we have CHOICES. There is also a national domestic violence hotline that people can call." "...and for children especially, they should know that they can speak to teachers,

principals, counselors or any other adults they can trust. Those adults can at least contact the right people to get them some help."

Also attending were Ogema Larry Romanelli and Council member Robert Whiteloon. From outside the tribe, 85th District Judge, Brent Danielson came to lend his support. Danielson and the Ogema had some time for side conversations about tribal relations.

For more information on the program, go to www.takebackthenight.org or contact Denise Anderson at 231.398.6736.



Litigation update

Carlos Alvarado, the former General Counsel for the Little River Casino Resort and the LRBOI Gaming Commission were engaged in litigation over differences arising from Mr. Alvarado's performance as attorney for the Resort and the Gaming Commission's administration of its licensing program. Both parties agree that Mr. Alvarado's separation from the Resort was not related to wrong doing or impropriety on the part of Mr. Alvarado; the Gaming Commission has not imposed any licensing sanctions against him and there is no restriction on his ability to hold a valid gaming license.

Natural Resources

Checking our Fish

Shortly after 8 a.m. on a beautiful early November Michigan morning, a team from Natural Resources under the direction of Naturalist Archie Martell headed out of Portage Lake and turned north to cruise in the direction of Arcadia Bluffs. As they made way, Kenny LaHaye and Mike Snyder were in the back of the boat getting their gear ready for an operation to retrieve an assessment net that was moored just off the washout at Arcadia...an area where assessment of the Lake Trout population was being conducted by the tribal Natural Resources Department.

There was a slight chop to the water as Southeasterly winds washed towards the stern, promising a bumpy ride home. The seas were between 1-4 feet as the assessment boat headed out.

After a relatively short ride, the buoys were spotted offshore. Martell gave a running commentary on the operation, pointing out that the net was set running straight out from the shore crossing a critical pathway of the Lake Trout. There was about 800' of net of various mesh sizes strung from buoy to buoy. The net was actually something like several nets set end-to-end starting with a smaller mesh size (4") and working up from there. This is done so that various sizes of fish can be captured giving the Naturalists a better overview of the fish health.

Once on site, the Eastern buoy was hoisted onto the boat along with its chain anchor. Archie pointed out that they use the heavy metal chain as anchors because it doesn't get caught up on the bottom as much as a regular anchor would. This makes retrieval much easier for the assessment team.

As the buoy was hauled in, the net came along and started streaming across the assessment table on the starboard side of the boat. It was rather exciting to

start seeing fish come with it! And come with it they did! Fish after fish, from suckers to Lake Trout to Northern Pike and Walleye and even on Steelhead poured onto the table to be untangled and sorted.

The suckers were thrown back and the rest went into large tubs where they were covered with ice to keep them fresh. Tub after tub were filled as Archie slowly steered the assessment boat along towards the Western buoy. The wind and waves started coming up a bit and the chop became more of a problem. Picture standing on the deck of a heaving boat, pulling nets, untangling large fish and sorting them out! All without losing equipment or falling overboard and you get a picture of the task.

After the catch was pulled in and the final Eastern buoy retrieved, everyone secured for an interesting ride back to Onkama. The waves had come up and we were heading directly into them with the seas up quite a bit. The bow pounded heavily as we slowly proceeded back to port. The guys in back definitely got wet! Finally we arrived, loaded the boat onto the trailer at the Onkama launch site and headed back to Big Blue with about 600 pounds of fresh, beautiful fish.

At Big Blue, Archie, Ken and Mike set up the assessment table to show the *Currents* how the assessment was done. Each fish was pulled out of the tub of ice, measured; weighed; fins were clipped; lamprey wounding was checked (fortunately we didn't see too much); scales were taken for further assessment and they determined the ages of the various fish. They also looked for previously tagged fish and took their heads to send to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Fisheries Research Office in Green Bay for further study. These are 'known aged'

fish. This office will study the fish and get the information back to the tribal Natural Resource Department for their use with other assessment tools.

Martell also explained how if they find any female Lake Trout, they will take eggs to test for Thiamin levels. Low Thiamin levels have been linked to early mortality in Lake Trout. This means that the fish cannot complete their natural reproductive cycle and probably will not even be able to make it up to their hatching areas. The USGS Fisheries Office in Ann Arbor is monitoring the Thiamin levels in the eggs to better determine the overall health of the Lake Trout. Thiamin deficiency in the main food of the Lake Trout, Alewives, is what leads to this overall problem. The Alewife population here in Lake Michigan is strong right now, but it has 'crashed' in Lake Huron.

Also in the finer mesh size nets, Zebra mussels appeared but were heavily outnumbered by the Quagga mussel. A few years ago the Zebras were identified as a problem because they clogged drains and intakes very effectively. Martell explained that the Quagga has pretty much taken over for the Zebra and can live to a greater depth than the Zebra. The impact on the ecosystem from these new 'invaders' is still being studied.

Martell also told how the assessment fish are distributed free-of-charge to Tribal Elders, Tribal members and others in need each year. To date this year, the program has handed out over 6,000 pounds of fresh lake fish to these groups.

Not only does this program help the tribe to keep track of the fish health in our waters, it provides some really good eating for our people.

Good job Archie, Ken and Mike!





Natural Resources



Public Notice

The Planning Department will be releasing the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan for 30 day Public review and comment on December 5th 2008.

The plan will be made available in the Planning Department, located at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660. The Plan will also be available on line at LRBOI.COM.

Please direct all comments to Dan Shepard Planning Department at the above address or email to dshepard@lrboi.com \

Watch for notice of the upcoming public Meeting for the LRTP to be scheduled the first week ter the holidays. The exact time and location to be announced.

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Be-Da-Bin Halloween Party Employee Halloween Luncheon, and Creepy Car Contest

Be-Da-Bin's Annual Halloween Party was held October 30, 2008 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the LRBOI Community Center. There was a costume contest for the youth (but everyone was invited to dress up if they wanted to since we are all kids at heart this time of year).

The Creepy Car Contest also had prizes so participants were invited to line up your car around the community center and "spook them up" for the Trick or Treat Trail. Drivers were encouraged to bring some goodies to share with the little goblins who went going car-to-car collecting them. Volunteers and other departments arrived by 5:30 p.m. to set up their candy stations.

This annual event was organized by the Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health Program of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government.

A big thank you to the volunteers who made this a special night for everyone!



By Patrick D. Wilson

For me, my involvement started when Lee Sprague was our Ogema. Lee asked me if I would like to help out with the Cultural Corridor at our Casino. We had spoken earlier and Ogema Lee Sprague knew that I had just spent the last seven years working as a Museum Curator for the Ziibiwing Center at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Mt. Pleasant. So I drew up a contract and went to work (part time) developing the story lines and concepts. There were many concepts that I had incorporated into the "Cultural Corridor" not all were achieved. However the "Marriage Feathers" painted on the ceiling and many of the pieces of artwork, like the wood carvings, bead work, and pottery were all works of art I had gotten approval for. The mannequins

were part of the original story line. I made the decision to make the mannequins life like because they would be viewed up close. This made the "details" very important to the overall viewing experience. Actual tribal members were chosen as models. This was done to bring in the personal touch of "I know the person who modeled for that Mannequin," or even better "that's me." In this way the Cultural Corridor reaches out to each person finding the common bond we all have with each other. There is one other exhibit that I would like to mention and that is the "fish prints." They were created by our tribal children. I remember the first time I saw the prints hanging in the

hallway at the Education department, I said to myself "wouldn't it be wonderful to frame the fish prints and hang them up somewhere everyone could enjoy them. They are now hanging in the corridor to the Hotel. The children whose fish are hanging up have expressed their excitement and happiness to have their artwork hanging up at our casino. So in answering the question that was posed to me; *"what was your goal and dream for it?"* "It" being the Cultural Corridor. I wanted to showcase the many talented tribal members we have in our tribe, to show the skill and craftsmanship of our experienced artist, and to show the enthusiasm of our future artisans. The bottom line is the Corridor is about all of us, "the Tribe." Wiingezin.

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Cultural Corridor or Cultural Wing



I was approached by Ogema Sprague about this concept while the plans were being finalized for the last (latest) Casino expansion - Winter garden, Mkwā Endaat, Jiigizibiing Yaa Shagi and a Corridor or display space. I was then (and still am) very much in favor of a space to showcase the culture of the Anishinaabek. Originally I had envisioned a space where the citizens of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians could display their art, traditional crafts and items from our history. I thought it would be a changing display, altered with the seasons and the activities of the seasons. Video presentations and the use of static displays would provide the viewer/visitor information. Mannequins would be used for display of varied clothing from times in our past (pre-contact, post contact but pre-us, lumbering era, etc.) and activities (like Jiingtamok regalia as special displays to take advantage of those events

when they occurred).

I believe this space is very important, as many of the casino guests, concert goers and conference attendees may, as their means to learn about our past and present cultural life, view the corridor and its displays.

By Jerry Ramsey



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By Jay Sam

Warrior's Society Meeting and Presentation



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warrior's Society met on Saturday the 8th at the Little River Casino Resort. At the ceremony, former Speaker and current Council Member Steve Parsons read off the names of departed Warrior's to be inscribed on the monument.

Ogema Larry Romanelli gave a brief speech a part of which was an old Native American saying from a chief that said "If my warriors are to fight, they are too few. If they are to die, they are too many." One of the names going on the monument was the Ogema's fathers name, Douglas Pierson. The Ogema and his wife made a donation to the Warrior's Society in his dads' memory.

Little Traverse Bay Band Chairman Frank Ettawageshik and his wife Rochelle attended the meeting.

At the business portion of the meeting Al Medacco retained his position as Commander for four years. There were other positions elected including John Shepard as the Vice Commander, Virgil Johnson as Secretary, Robert Memberto became the Treasurer and Ferdinand Luchene Jr.

The next day, Country Superstar Aaron Tippin met with the Ogema and Warrior's Society and made a check presentation for \$1000 to them. Tippin is a major supporter of our troops and offered his profound respect to our Warriors for their service.



The LRBOI Tribal Public Safety Department is continuing their long-standing support of regional crime fighting. Tribal Public Safety last week donated \$14,000 worth of grant-funded crime fighting equipment to the local SCENT drug enforcement unit. At a brief ceremony, Director Joseph J. LaPorte presented Manistee Police Chief David Bachman and members of the SCENT team with the equipment. Director LaPorte wrote this grant in his continued fight against a crime that has had devastating effects on tribal country...methamphetamine abuse!



Through this program, four area Prosecutors have been provided with national level training; professionally produced Public Service Announcements were created for broadcast use; training DVDs for school training were created and thousands of pamphlets were produced and distributed.

The November donation of equipment was just part of an on-going tribal support program which to date has totaled \$144,900. The program includes training, website development, pamphlets, educational DVD's and more.

AED's in place



Taking care of our tribal members, visitors and employees is of vital importance to the tribal government. That is the motivation for the Tribal Emergency Planning Committees (TEPC) work in recent years. One aspect of that work came to life this month as Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) were installed in a number of the government buildings.

The AEDs are critical when people have heart attacks and they are a proven tool that can help someone survive such attacks.

Five AEDs were purchased through the TEPC work with a pandemic grant that has been used for emergency planning and other related projects. This month the units were installed (near the first aid kits) in a number of the



buildings. Next, technicians gave training to staff (government) members on how and when to deploy the AEDs.

Along with the AEDs, an Incident Command Kit and a number of Incident Trauma first kits were purchased and have been placed on tribal government property.

All of these kits and tools, together with our trained government staff, will help if an incident such as a natural disaster, attack or illness were to occur on tribal property.

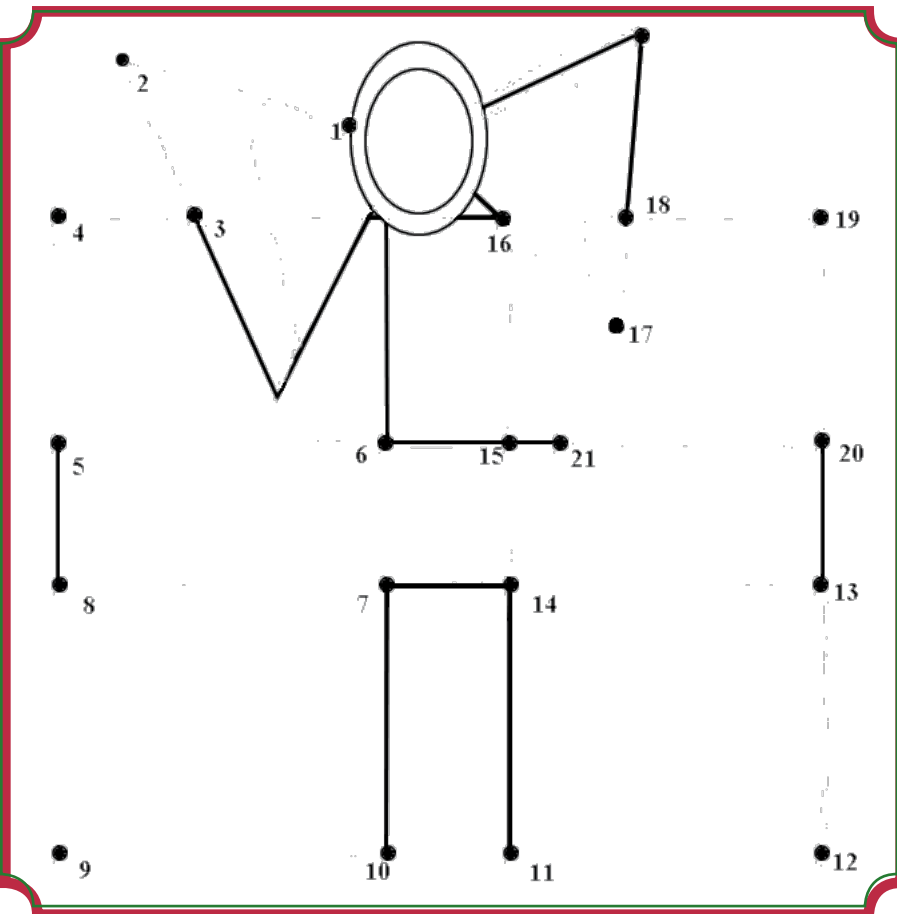


Comments or thoughts.

Hello, we, the Health Commission would like to hear from you.
Please take a moment to give us your thoughts/ideas of what you think of the clinic.
We want to know what you think: the good and the bad. Thank you

Please email to: healthcommission@lrboi.com
or mail to: Health Commission
PO Box 119
Manistee, Mi 49660

Connect the Dots



Color the Christmas Tree



Evergreen Trees

When the Creator made this world, one of the first things He made was the tree. He had so many things to do that the Creator asked the trees if they would watch over the land for Him, as he had to leave. The trees promised him that they would watch over everything until he returned. The trees waited and waited for the Creator to return. They began to become very sleepy and as they waited, they became sleepier and sleepier. They finally all went to sleep except for the Evergreen Tree who was still watching over Mother Earth.

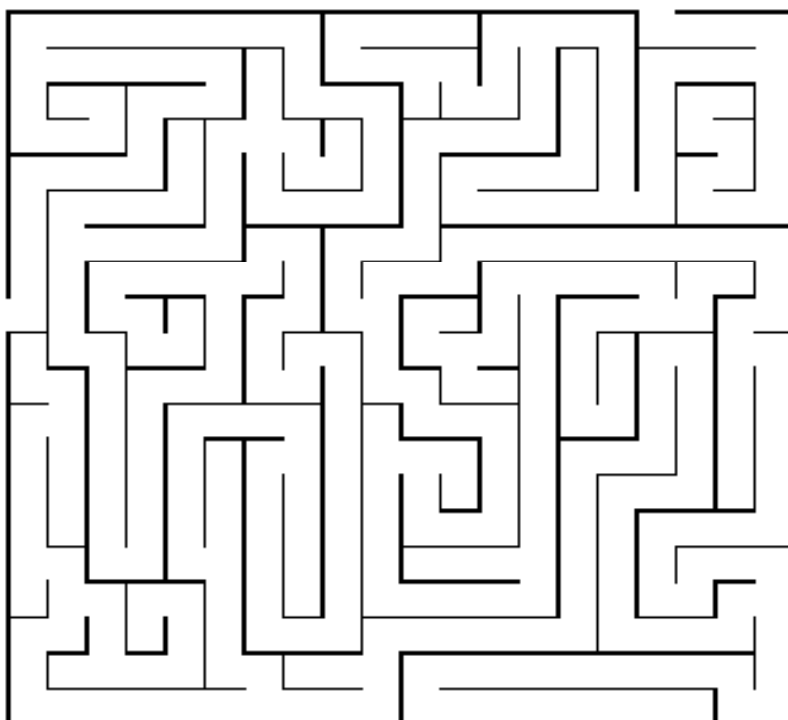
The Creator finally returned to find the trees sleeping, and He became very upset with them. He told them because they had broken their promise they would all lose their leaves in the winter. To this day whenever we see the Evergreen Trees, we are also reminded to never break a promise.

Challenge!

Can you find the 8 hidden LRBOI shields?

Answer: On Santa's belt and Snowman's scarf

Can you help Santa find the plate of Fry bread?





Food distribution Program (FDFIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodities to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the commodity food program and food stamp program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDFIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification. In determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the commodity program.

**New USDA Income
Food Distribution Program On Indian Reservations
Net Monthly Income Standards
October 1, 2008 & October 1, 2009**

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oshtemo, Oshtemo, Ottawa, Wexford

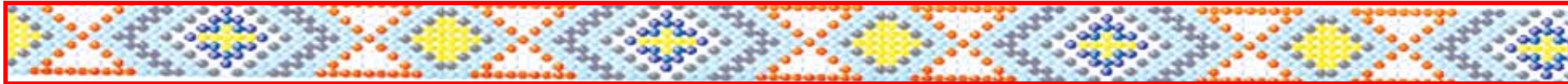
Household Size	Income Limits
1	\$ 1,011.00
2	\$ 1,311.00
3	\$ 1,611.00
4	\$ 1,914.00
5	\$ 2,239.00
6	\$ 2,564.00
7	\$ 2,864.00
8	\$ 3,164.00
For each additional member add \$ 300.00	

Office hours are 8:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M

Yvonne Theodore, George Lawrence, Laurie Jackson

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

Office numbers are 231-398-6715 or 231-398-6716



MSHDA Offers Low-cost Loans for Home Improvements

Qualified residents can increase energy efficiency and lower heating bills

LANSING, MI – Income eligible homeowners with no equity may borrow up to \$25,000 from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to make energy-efficiency improvements to their home. With equity, homeowners can borrow up to \$50,000.

“Making simple improvements like increasing insulation or replacing an inefficient furnace or old windows can reduce your energy costs by up to 50 percent,” said MSHDA Executive Director Keith Molin.

There are Property Improvement Program loans of up to \$50,000 for single-family homeowners and \$100,000 for landlords (up to \$25,000 per unit). There are no income limits for landlords.

Eligible homeowners may have household incomes of up to \$74,750, depending on the location of the home. Interest rates, which range from 4 to 8 percent, are based on household income.

“There is no home equity requirement for loans up to \$25,000, so even new homeowners can take advantage of this opportunity,” Molin said. “There also are no points or annual fees.”

“People are looking for ways to save money in the current economy,” Molin added. “Home energy costs can be a significant part of a household budget, particularly in the winter.”

Visit www.michigan.gov/mshda and click on Home Improvement to see the full list of eligible home improvement projects and learn more about the free application process, or call 517-373-8017, or (TTY) 1-800-382-4568.

MSHDA’s vision in the 21st century centers around ideas to improve the quality of life for all Michigan residents by focusing on providing safe, affordable housing through homeownership and rental programs; ending homelessness; and revitalizing neighborhoods and downtowns through urban development

initiatives – creating vibrant communities throughout Michigan. MSHDA’s loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds and notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. For information on this and other MSHDA programs, visit the Web site at www.michigan.gov/mshda.

(submitted by the LRBOI Planning Department)



The Wheel Goes 'Round

By Austen J. Brauker

we can come together with everyone as equals to not end up with a “winner” and a “loser”. The basis of the Peacemaking Court is respect. We gather in a circle or around a table and use common sense to reach mutual decisions. The Peacemakers merely help direct the natural process of communication and do not offer the answers, make judgments or tell anyone what they should do. Peacemakers are impartial mediators. People who attend a Peacemaking session will arrive at the answers to their own problems instead of relying on another person to decide who is right or wrong in the matter. This is the old traditional way. It works. It is simple and sensible. Peacemaking is a great alternative to formal Tribal Courts where one person generally walks out happy and the other person walks out upset about the decision. This is what can happen when we choose to give up the power over our own decisions to a higher authority. If we want to maintain any kind of self direction in determining our own fates, then being involved in Peacemaking will do this for us. The sessions will go on for as long as they need to and for as many times as the people involved need to come together until an agreement can be reached. Common sense and the unwritten law of our ancestors are the tools we use to solve problems. The only rules to Peacemaking are within the seven grandfather teachings themselves: Truth, Respect, Humility, Wisdom, Love, Bravery and Honesty. Whenever we use this process we are expressing

our sovereignty as a people, using a path of self determination that benefits the individuals involved and solves problems instead of creating criminals. Justice is about balance, equity and healing. We are very fortunate to have a program like Peacemaking as part of our Justice Center because it strengthens people instead of condemning them. It is a great honor to be part of something that helps our membership, strengthens our sovereignty and provides a fair and positive way to help people resolve their own disputes. I urge you all to utilize this method of problem solving as an alternative to litigation, fighting, gossip or power struggles. The more we shape our own fate the more we will determine our own direction in life. Are you tired of being a leaf blown on winds that you cannot control? Have you been a victim of an unfair person or system? Is their conflict in your heart or home? Do you want to bring yourself back into balance? Peacemaking is here to help. We will help you find your own path toward a resolution. It is up to each of you to be a vital part of solving the problems of your own life, not because of a court order, but because we have the power within ourselves to do so. Lets make our own choices and look at our conflicts as an opportunity to grow. Anyone wishing to become a Peacemaker need only have a bit of common sense, a bit of Peace in their hearts and the desire to help others. Everyone is a part of the circle. Your help and wisdom is being called upon. Please share in this healing process.

Austen J. Brauker
Peacemaking/Probation Department

On Oct. 17th the Peacemaking/Probation Department had the honor to host the Michigan Tribal Probation Officers Consortium Meeting at the Tribal Justice Center. Probation Officers from all around the state convened at our office to discuss issues related to Justice and Peacemaking. We had a great turnout and were able to share many useful ideas about how to more effectively carry out our jobs. One of the topics of great interest was the Peacemaking process itself and how other Tribes can develop and incorporate their own Peacemaking procedures into their Courts. We have a very unique program at LRBOI that is based on common sense, traditional values and healing rather than punishment. The Peacemaking approach is gradually replacing the “winner” and “loser” form of justice that occurs nationally in the modern court systems with a method by which agreements can be reached that are focused on how we can make things better, how we can resolve conflicts and how

Positive Indian Parenting: Honoring Our Children By Honoring our Traditions

LRBOI Family Services Department began their first Positive Indian Parenting class September 16 at the Community Center after successfully piloting the program in June. Participants include single mothers and fathers, two-parent families, grandparents, and perspective parents.

The program will be offered in Muskegon this winter and Manistee again in the spring. Hopefully, the courts, local schools, and tribal departments will use the program as a culturally appropriate alternative for parental referrals. Planning is in progress to take an adapted version to CASMAN Alternative Academy in November. The after-school group will focus on dating issues, family and peer relationships, self-parenting, and wise choices.

The eight-week curriculum was developed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association to provide a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Indian parents. The goals of the program are to help Indian parents: 1) explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional Indian child-rearing practices, and to apply them to modern parenting skills and 2) develop positive attitudes, values and skills that have roots in their cultural heritage.

The curriculum includes the oral tradition, story-telling, the spiritual nature of child-rearing, and the role of extended family. It teaches that valuable lessons can be learned from the old ways, and that parents can find strength in cultural traditions.

Included in the eight sessions are:

- Traditional Parenting – history, cultural strengths
- Lessons of the Storyteller – communication, values, observation
- Lessons of the Cradleboard – bonding nurturing, development
- Harmony in Childrearing – balance, family structure, self-control, prevention
- Traditional Behavioral Management – guidelines, limits, discipline
- Lessons of Mother Nature – living skills, social skills
- Praise in Traditional Parenting – positive reinforcement skills
- Choices in Parenting – setting goals, problems of parenting, what kind of parent to be

The class incorporates traditional components

such as smudging and prayer, a shared meal, the talking feather, and giveaways. Guests may be invited to share storytelling, singing, demonstrating a cradleboard, or sharing tribal ceremonies and customs.

Every new generation faces the difficult job of raising its children. We must nurture and protect our children, help them discover who they are, and teach them the skills to survive as adults. Positive Indian Parenting offers an opportunity for parents to explore the traditional ways that may be useful in today’s challenging world.

For more information contact Kathy Lagerquist (398-6705) or Shelly Kequam (398-6707) at LRBOI Family Services Department.



MEMBERS ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



The Members Assistance Department has received the grant award for the FY09 LIHEAP program year. If you have not already accessed this program and are experiencing a heating crisis please contact the Members Assistance Department. Please note that the program provides for several sources of heat.

Program Information

*LIHEAP

(Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level and available funding.

-Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents with young children.

-Households receiving SSI benefits, Food Stamps or VA benefits are automatically eligible.

Family Size	Heating Assistance Not to exceed 75% State Median Income	Crisis Assistance Not to exceed 150% FPIG
1	\$28,310	\$15,600
2	\$37,021	\$21,000
3	\$45,732	\$26,400
4	\$54,443	\$31,800
5	\$63,154	\$37,200
6	\$71,865	\$42,600
7	\$73,498	\$48,000
8	\$75,131	\$53,400
For each additional person after 6 add 3% for each person to 132% & multiply by 54,443. (i.e. 9 = 132% + 9% = 141% x 54,443 = 76,764)		Each additional add: \$5,400

Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated February 11, 2008
Michigan Median State Income Dated 10-3-08

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information and/or to request an application

Amber Moore – Intake Clerk

Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk

Lee A. Iverson – Members Assistance Coordinator

Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288

Fax 231-398-6748

Muschigon House Tour



You could feel the pride as the Muschigon Construction management took members of Tribal Council on a tour of a recent house constructed by the tribal enterprise. The house, west of Scottville, was recently destroyed by fire and had to be rebuilt from the ground up.

Muschigon submitted a competitive bid on the job on the open market and successfully won the contract. There were some challenges that went with it too! The owner asked that the house be done in time for

the opening of Deer season. This gave the construction crew a short four months to do the job.

The tour brought Council members Loretta Beccaria, Robert Hardenburgh, Steve Parsons and Robert Whiteloon out along with Commerce Director Robert Memberto. During the tour the owners were there for questions and gave a glowing account of how well the job had been executed; how creative the Muschigon crew was and what a thorough job they had done. They were exceedingly proud of this beautiful home and took great joy in showing the tour some of the highlights of the new home.

Oh yes, the job was done before the opening of Deer (bow) season and the homeowner got a nice buck right off of the back deck! Good job Muschigon!





Member Business Report

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Tribal Member Business Update

Some good news was announced this month about tribal member Ron Spoerl, one of our tribal members who in the past has owned 3 companies and today currently owns two companies in Wisconsin. Since their inception, they have reached sales hitting the 5 million dollar mark. He has sat on several boards including the Native American Indian Chamber of Commerce, American Indian Construction Trade Association, Committee for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Chairperson for the Common Ground Alliance of Wisconsin, Speaking engagements across the state and many others.

One of his companies is currently in the Pipeline Industry, starting out using machines that create a process called "Hydro Excavation". It is a "Safe dig" method exposing utilities underground. "We can now map out the utilities and do the maintenance on them as well, using a process called, SUE or Sub-surface Engineering". Hawk has diversified into the environmental industry and concrete sawing. Ron is currently sole owner of both companies and comments that starting a busi-

ness is not easy. "It takes time and commitment from all involved, including family. With the employees and family, there has to be trust, honesty, accountability and a level of "grace" including a lot of patience. It is quite the balancing act. Most of my employees have never been in this type of industry before, even today it is still a "learn as you go process. We also do a lot of subcontracting."

One of Ron's companies was recently awarded a 3 Year Midwest Contract from a company called, "TransCanada". You can visit them at www.transcanda.com This Company was recently awarded a 30 billion dollar pipeline project in Alaska, by Governor Sarah Palin. They have recently purchased the ANR pipeline that runs from the Gulf Coast to the Midwest and into Canada.

Ron's company will be serving the entire state of Wisconsin, Illinois, Northern Indiana, and Upper and Lower Michigan!! The future growth of Ron's company could include an office right

here in Manistee, Michigan. Spoerl commented in an interview, "Isn't it the goal of the Tribe to bring Tribal members back home?" Ron will continue to create jobs and is excited to expand right here into Michigan. When asked, "How are you going to do it?" Ron responds with, "a lot of Prayer and Sacrifice". Most of the employees, including benefits at Hawk have an average wage of 46.00 per hour not including overtime. "I would love to have members of the Tribe work for Hawk! Recently this past year, sacrificing his family and business in Wisconsin, Ron served as "Interim" General Manager for our casino and today sits on the Board for the Casino. He travels to Manistee every month and if anyone has questions about anything, Ron can be contacted through the casino (admin office- Becky Lenz at beckl@lrcr.com) or company email....hawkconstructionllc@juno.com

*Congratulations to
Ron and his Team!*



Port City Grille

Tribal member owned success

June 19th of 2006, Tribal member Bill Anderson opened the Port City Grill at 318 River Street in Manistee with a goal of providing great food with good variety and decent prices for the Manistee area.

Anderson has extensive experience in the restaurant business having started cooking when he was 15 years old. Most recently he put in over 10 years working in a management capacity for a restaurant chain based in SW Michigan. There, one of his key jobs was to go into one of the restaurants that was experiencing problems and turning them around so that they were once more profitable.

So why did he want to open a restaurant here? In a recent interview he told the Currents that, "I've been successful in this (competitive) business and decided to start making money for myself instead of for somebody else."

Port City Grill offers what he calls "Normal American fare" for breakfast and lunch Monday

through Saturday. His backroom has also turned into a mini-gallery of Native American arts and crafts. Bill says that he also has not been afraid to let people know that this is a tribal member-owned business.





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Tribal Government Internships

Tribal Members interested in doing an internship with the
L.R.B.O.I. Tribal Government Office please contact:
Human Resource Director
231-398-6706

Health Commission Position

The Tribal Ogema is seeking Tribal Members interested in serving on the LRBOI Health Board.
If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema's office.



Attention Akj Maadizwin Lot Owners

Muschigon Construction, LLC is now available to construct your new Turn
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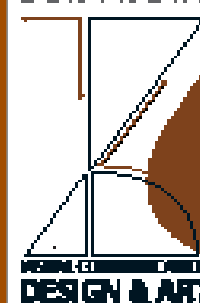
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Muschigon Construction Board Openings

The Tribal Ogema, Larry Romanelli, is seeking
Tribal Members interested in serving on the
Muschigon Construction Board. One of the
vacancies requires 2 years of construction project
management experience. There are currently two
seats open on the board. If interested, please submit
a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema's office.

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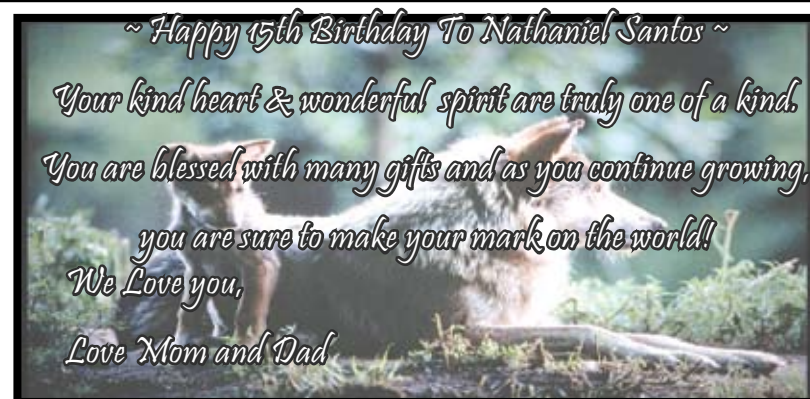
<http://www.cbpu.com/moonbear>



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Jerry Ramsey on the
28th of December.
~With Love, Julie

**Happy Birthday
Garry King
From Your Family**



A Job Well Done

Congratulations goes out to Alyssa Akin
7th All Conference in Cross Country
Alyssa's personal best time was 14:14
U GO GIRL!!!!

We are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Camren & Grandpa Bill



*Happy 15th Birthday
Nathaniel Santos*

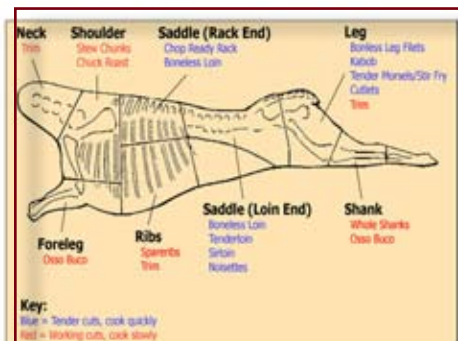
You are a very special young man.

*You also have many talents that
make your Grandmother proud.
Keep doing your best in all you
do and remember, we love you.*

Love Grandma Julia

**Venison processing wrapped
and ready for the freezer!**

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**Don Koon
1-231-690-8153**

Tribal ID Cards in Muskegon

Tribal ID Cards. The Enrollment Department will be at the Muskegon Tribal Office on December 3rd from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. to assist members in obtaining their new ID cards. They will have their card machine and equipment there to make your new cards.

Nina Loretta Russ Shaw



Nina Loretta Russ Shaw crossed over peacefully on September 21, 2008 at Legacy House, a hospice facility in Ocala, Florida. She was born July 30 1945.

She was the daughter of the late Lance C. and Loretta N. Wabindato of Muskegon, Michigan. She is survived by 2 daughters, Melissa Barton of Ocala, Florida and Kimberly Blackburn of Winston Salem, N.C.; of Hampton, Virginia; and 9 grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brothers Robert Russ and lance C. Russ Jr. and their wives of Inverness, Florida and Archie Russ of New Tazewell, Tennessee;; 1 sister, other relatives scattered throughout Florida and Michigan.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Dylan, her parents and one brother Johnny.

She loved animals, especially her dogs. She worked for a number of years on a major horse and cattle farm in Ocala, Florida. She was a very unique individual one who definitely marched to the beat of a different drum. She will be greatly missed by her close family and friends



**Muskegon Four Seasons
Christmas Gathering December 7th
from**

11am-3pm

Muskegon VFW 446

165 N. Getty St.

Raffles and Door Prizes.

**For more information call Patti at
231-755-4865**

**Hart / Elbridge Kateri Circle Christmas Gathering
Dec.6th noon to 4pm. St Gregory's Parish Center, 316 S
Peach Ave, Hart, MI 49420. for more info call (231)
873-2578 or Leader Emily Smith 231-861-5352**

Elk Hot Sausage

8 lbs. ground elk
2 tsp. onion salt
1 tbsp. black pepper
5 tsp. crushed red pepper
2 lbs. ground pork
6 tbsp. paprika
2 tbsp. fennel seed
1 tbsp. sage
3 ½ tbsp. garlic powder
Mix all ingredients together until well mixed.
Shape into patties. Can be frozen on waxed paper.
Fry or bake until done.



James Dane

Bear shot in Red Oak Area

Bear Sausage

30 lbs. bear meat, ground
12 lbs. pork butt, ground
3 lbs. slab bacon, ground
7 ½ tsp. pepper
6 tsp. red pepper
15 tsp garlic salt
15 tsp. salt
Mix all together. Fry in pan for breakfast sausage, good on pizza, makes meatballs and freezes well.

Lacy Moore

This was my first bear hunt ever, and it was scary and exciting at the same time. I went out 8 times and I seen a bear every time except for 2 times. We noticed that the two times that we didn't see a bear it was because my boyfriends dad did not walk us in and every other time he would walk us in we would see a bear, it's like they knew that they were going to be fed. Each bear was different, there was not one bear that was the same size, shape, and their noses were different.

My first day out I was scared (of course who would not be) I kept thinking about the stories that I would hear about bears attacking you or climbing the trees, but they are more scared of you then you are of them. I saw 3 different bear on the first day out. The first one a scared off with my safety, and second one just run to the bait pile and grabbed a piece of granola and run off right under neath us. The third one was standing in front of us as we where getting ready to leave. I was setting in a tree stand with my boyfriend (Dan) while hunting, the tree was small and we had to be very quiet. The first day we set for 8 hours and I didn't get to shoot at one.

The second day it rained the whole time that we set out there, and toward the end of the night we saw a butt end of one. The third time I went out I did get a shot at one, but I missed it. Then the few other times the bear would just come in and snuff in the air

and turn and walk out. The seventh time out we decided to set on the ground it was about 6:30 or so a big bear came in. He went up to the bait pile and stood there for about a second, then he turned around and started walking down the path that we were setting in. I froze I could not move, the only thing I was thinking was "what is he going to do." He was about 10 yards in front of us and I could not shoot him. I finally moved the gun and he took off running.

The last night out I was sitting in the tree stand waiting for the right time and for a bear to come in. At about 6:30, I seen a foot and a nose of one and then he turned around and went into the woods, and I thought that that was the last chance I had. We heard noises of trees breaking which is the first time that we have heard any noises well hunting for bear, and then we heard more noises on the other side of the woods. Here came in the bear. He walked over to the bait pile and the only thing I was thinking was that he was going to walk right out of the woods (because this is what has happened each time I have been out). I could not move, finally my boyfriend told me to get my gun up and to get ready to shoot because the bear was staying. I shot it and it fell right over on the bait pile.

Finally after all the baiting and waiting and hunting for a bear, I shot one. It weighed 225lb dressed. I was so happy and excited. I felt a lot better knowing that I had another chance a getting a bear after I had a bear standing right in front of me.



Yvonne Theodore got a 4 by 5 bull elk in Johannesburg, Michigan I shot in a farmers field, second day of elk season on 8-27-2008 at 7:20 A.M. Yvonne had guides Bob and Lilly Whiteny they been guides for 17 years and Yvonne was the 1st. tribal person they ever had.



Ken Kunnel

Bear was shot 9/12/08 Boar (male)/ 7:30 a.m. Newberry Mi 25 yrd. shot.

GUN: Savage 7MM Remington Mag 175grain Hornady Bullet Ground Blind

CAMERON & SONS BEAR GUIDES

Newberry3 Day bait hunt

BEAR DRESSED OUT AT 200 LBS

ESTIMATED LIVE WEIGHT 250- 260 LBS..

Bear was shot after an all night rain... was sitting by blind by 6:15AM. Looked at cell phone to see what time it was...Looked up and seen a bear head sneak around the back side of bait barrel.. It looked to be on the small side... Watched bear slowly go back into the woods. Seconds later a bear walked out in front of the bait barrel.... The bear totally blocked out the barrel and seemed to be good size...At 25 yds. I took the shot... The bear stood for a few seconds and charged straight toward the blind...He fell 10 yds. in front of the blind and died of a double lung shot.. I unzipped the blind and with my 1911 45 cal. Pistol approached and confirmed the kill.....

The guides showed after a phone call with Rose the camera lady.. After pictures. We loaded the bear and went to the cabin.. We gutted the bear and drove to the gas station where we iced the cavity... From there we had the bear checked at the Newberry DNR office. This was the first tribal bear they had checked. From there the bear was put in a freezer at the butcher where it was skinned and cut up on Sunday the 13th.

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Twin Lake, Mi

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